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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF LOME MEUIATION COMMISSION

1. IT APPEARS THAT LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION IS NOW ENGAGED IN MIDDLE-EAST TYPE SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BETWEEN BAMAKO AND OUAGADOUGOU.

2. COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF AYI HUMLEDE, FOREIGN MINISTER OF TOGO; MOUMOUNI DJERMAKOYE, FOREIGN MINISTER OF NIGER; ALIOUNE M'BENGUE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF SENEGAL; AND FODE BERETE, GUINEAN AMBASSADOR IN LAGOS.

3. THE FOUR COMMISSIONERS ARRIVED OUAGA FROM BAMAKO AFTER-NOON APRIL 14 AND HAD TWO AUDIENCES WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA. THEY HAVE NOW RETURNED TO BAMAKO. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS, HUMLEDE CONFIRMED THAT MILITARY SUB-COMMISSION WAS OPERATING IN MALI SINCE APRIL 14. HE SAID THAT

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"CLIMATE OF DETENTE" WAS CLEARLY IN PROCESS OF

BEING ESTABLISHED BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA AND THAT HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAD CONFIRMED THIS HAPPY STATE OF AFFAIRS. WHEN ASKED IF SOLUTION COULD BE EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, HUMLEDE REPLIED SIMPLY THAT IT WOULD DEPEND ON GOOD WILL OF BOTH PARTIES.

4. OUAGA DAILIES "L'OBSERVATEUR" AND "NOTRE COMBAT" HAVE BOTH REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON ACTIVITIES OF MEDIATION COMMISSION. BOTH PAPERS HAVE EXPRESSED DISSAPPOINTMENT THAT COMMISSION DID NOT SIMPLY ISSUE ITS FINDINGS AFTER HAVING MADE THOROUGH STUDY OF MAPS AND DOCUMENTS. THEY BOTH FEARED THAT, WITH SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY, THE "EQUITABLE JURIDICAL SOLUTION" PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR WILL TURN OUT TO BE A COMPROMISE IN THE AFRICAN TRADITION BY WHICH THE COMMISSION WILL BASICALLY RECOGNIZE UPPER VOLTA'S RIGHTS WHILE AT SAME TIME SAVING MALI'S FACE. GRAHAM

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